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Sir:

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the Office Action mailed September 1, 2000.

The Office Action did not, however, include an initialed Form PTO-1449 acknowledging the Information Disclosure Statement filed May 18, 2000. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner evidence consideration of the references cited in the IDS of May 18, 2000 by providing a copy of the initialed Form PTO-1449.

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If a conference would be beneficial in expediting the prosecution of the instant application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned to arrange such a conference.

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